

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c) as set forth below.

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

23. (New) A hand-actuated piston plunger comprising:

an elongated vessel member defining a vessel interior, said vessel member having a first vessel end and second vessel end;

a gripping portion extending from said vessel member substantially perpendicularly from a longitudinal axis of said vessel member, said gripping portion extending from said vessel member at least a distance that is as wide as a user's hand so that a user may apply a downward force substantially parallel with the longitudinal axis of said vessel member;

a drain adapter having a proximate end coupled with said first vessel end and a distal end with an adaptor opening that allows clog liquid to be drawn into said vessel interior and expelled out of said vessel interior through said adapter opening, said drain adapter formed from a resilient material to provide a sealed connection between said vessel member and a clogged plumbing drain, said drain adapter having a substantially conically shaped portion that terminates at said distal end, said conically shaped portion being dimensioned such that at least half of said conically shaped portion extends into the clogged plumbing drain, said conically shaped portion

having a greater length than maximum width;

a plunger piston movable within said vessel interior;

a piston actuator having a first actuator end and a second actuator end, said first actuator end being operatively associated with said plunger piston, said second actuator end extending outside of said vessel interior, said piston actuator being configured to facilitate selectable movement of said plunger piston within said vessel interior;

an end cap detachably coupled to said second vessel end of said vessel member, said end cap including a hole therethrough that is dimensioned to receive at least a portion of said piston actuator;

wherein said vessel interior, through a combined operation of said plunger piston and said piston actuator, is configured for selectively receiving clog liquid therewithin from the clogged plumbing drain;

wherein said vessel interior is sized so as to be large enough to hold an amount of the clog liquid suitable for effectuating plunging of a clog within the clogged plumbing drain; and

wherein said plunger piston and said piston actuator are together configured so as to be selectively movable in an intake direction to facilitate intake of clog liquid into said vessel interior through said adapter opening and a fluid expulsion direction to facilitate expulsion of

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clog liquid from said vessel interior through said adapter opening.